

MEMORANDUM

Subject: Infiltration into South Vietnam, 1966

1. Current figures on infiltration are broken down into confirmed and probable (which DIA sometimes lumps together as "accepted,") and possible, depending on the amount of evidence that a given unit or infiltration group is in South Vietnam. This evidence accumulates over a period of several months, so that our 1966 figures are not yet final; for some time to come there will be considerable upgrading from possible to probable, and from probable to confirmed.

2. Totals for the past two years at present are:

	<u>1965</u>	<u>1966</u>	<u>Monthly Average</u>
Confirmed	19,073	38,184	3,200 minus
Probable	<u>2,925</u>	<u>10,178</u>	
Accepted	21,998	48,362	4,000 plus
Possible	<u>2,148</u>	<u>26,246</u>	
TOTAL	24,146	74,608	6,200 plus

3. There is thus a range of monthly averages, depending on which categories are included; in 1967 the statistical confusion will be increased by the problem of the treatment to be accorded North Vietnamese divisions moving back and forth across the DMZ between North and South Vietnam.